

**FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.**

### **AVALANCHE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

WORK FOR A LONG SESSION MARKED BY

ONLY THREE WEEKS TO DO IT IN

### PROGRESS ON THE STEAMBOAT BILL

**of his New District Bill—Thurman  
and Hamilton on Points of Order—Bill King Beyond  
the Legal Grasp of  
the House.**

**SENATE.**  
Petitions remonstrating against the duty on tea and coffee were presented by Messrs. COOPER

of the Michigan Legislature, asking for appropriations for various rivers and harbors in the State. Commerce.

Mr. MORRILL, of Me., presented the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, asking for the passage of the Morrill bill for the government of the District, with an amendment providing for an election of Delegate in Congress. Laid on the table.

Mr. FERRY, of Conn., from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill for the relief of Morrill.

WASHINGTON, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS  
railroad, and moved its indefinite postponement.  
The bill, with the adverse report, was, on motion  
of Mr. Klay, from the Finance committee, adversely  
reported. Mr. Klay, from the Finance committee, adversely  
reported the bill to charter the Forty-first Parallel  
railroad and the Dakota and Montana railroad, as  
each bill were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, from Committee on the Judiciary, reported adversely on petition and bill  
to authorize G. W. Custer Lee to present his claim  
for compensation for the Arlington estate in the  
Court of Claims, and the bill was indefinitely  
postponed.

Mr. SPENCER introduced bill to appropriate  
for the construction of a thoroughfare from the State

On motion of Mr. FERRY, of Conn., the following bills were disposed of:

House bill to enable Ann Jannette Hathaway to make application to the Commissioner of Patents for extension of patent for improved device for converting reciprocating into rotary motion. Passed.

House bill authorizing the extension of the patent granted to John Haseltine, a new and useful water wheel. Passed.

Senate bill for the extension of the patent known as Reynolds' patented brake for power looms. Passed.

House bill for relief of John W. Marsh, which authorizes the extension of a patent for tramping. Passed.

ing of this is he was not inclined to consent to the extension of a patent for anything connected with a sewing machine.

Mr. FERRY said this was a mere attachment to a sewing machine, and was of use in the manufacture of buttons and shoes. The inventor had no right to receive for this patent, and the bill was merely an authority to him to make an application for an extension to the Commissioner of Patents.

Mr. SCOTT again reiterated his opposition to any extension of patents for anything connected with sewing-machine.

Mr. WADSWORTH said there was no objection to this bill from any quarter.

Mr. CAMERON said all these sewing-machine patents were oppressive to the poor.

Mr. CRAIG said this attachment was of no

House bill for the relief Thomas Winans a  
Wm. L. Winans.  
Mr. CAMERON said there was no objection  
to this bill. These gentlemen were, at their own  
expense, making experiments in the construction  
of steamships in which they expected to make  
trips from Baltimore to Liverpool in five days.  
He knew Mr. Wm. L. Winans well; he was a  
gentleman of great fortune and great enterpri-  
se. He had, in 1862, to help the Government, bought  
\$500,000 of its bonds at par.  
The bill was then passed.  
Senate bill for the relief of Luther H.  
Passed.

Subsequently, Mr. CONKLING moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and it was again placed on the calendar.

House bill to enable Mrs. Christian L. Williams to make application to the Commissioner of Patents for an extension of patent for Improvements in certain locks and gates. Rejected—aye 19, nays 22.

Mr. PRATT entered a motion to reconsider the adverse vote on the bill for the relief of John Werth.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Md., introduced a bill and petition to change the boundaries of the counties district for the Eastern district of Maryland and Commerce.

PROVISIONS OF NEAL ADAMU'S  
the relative of NEAL Affairs.  
Mr. SARGENT introduced bill to amend  
act providing for the distribution of the Alabama  
wards, Judiciary.  
Mr. KELLY introduced bill referring to  
claim of the heirs of Chauncey W. Lockwood  
the Court of Claims. Post Office.  
On motion of Mr. FREELINGHUYSEN, the  
committee on Federal Land bill authorized  
the Commissioner of Patents to hear the applica-  
tion of Harvey Sull for extension of lette-  
patent, was reconsidered, and the bill was re-  
mitted to the Committee on Patents.  
Mr. DOREY, from Committee on Post Office  
reported with amendments his bill to estab-  
lish  
TERMINAL  
THE GRAVE LINES IN THE SEVERAL STATES

Mr. SARGENT presented memorial of woman suffrage convention, recently in session in Washington, D. C., asking the right of suffrage, & for females. Privileges and Elections.

At 2:15 p. m. the secretary of the President appeared and delivered a message on

THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN ARKANSAS.

At the request of Mr. CLAYTON the message was read. He then moved to refer it and the accompanying documents to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. THURMAN moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, as he said the questions involved were questions of law.

Mr. CLAYTON said a memorial on this subject was already before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. It was a matter concerning the Indians and was not believed to be

Mr. THURMAN objected to any further proceedings on the reference to it at this time. He said he must confess that he was astounded at the recommendation made by the President.

The message was then laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORRILL, of Me., said he could not for moment entertain the idea of Congress adjourning without taking action on the bill for

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT.**

He suggested that the pending bill be laid aside in order to proceed with the District bill.

Mr. THURMAN moved to postpone the pending order. Lost.

Mr. SPENCER introduced a bill respecting the retirement of Major General D. E. Sickles in Military Affairs.

Mr. RANSOM introduced a bill supplemental to the act allowing the Washington City & Point Lookout Railroad Company to extend its road into and within the District of Columbia. The steamboat bill was discussed at length by Messrs. COCKLING, THURMAN, BOGGS and others. Mr. MORTON, from the Committee on Prerogatives and Elections, submitted a report in

THE CASE OF F. R. S. PINCHBACK

His Senator-elect from Louisiana, with a resolution declaring him entitled to his seat in the Senate. Mr. HAMILTON, of Md., raised the point

Mr. MORTON said when the vote was taken there were seven members present, which was a quorum, and four of them—a majority—voted in favor of the report.

Mr. HAMILTON and Mr. THURMAN insisted that the point was well taken, and the report was not a report of the committee, as it came from the committee.

Mr. EDMUNDS said there was nothing wrong with the point of order. If there was, the majority of the bills passed by the Senate were improperly passed. It was well known that they were.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Md. Then, Mr. FRANKLIN, I wish to state that I shall submit the views of the minority of the committee.

Mr. SCHURZ. *(zotto voce.)* You had better say the views of the majority.

The Senate then, without action on the steamboat bill, went into executive session, and then adjourned.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
Under the regular call of States in the morning

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By Mr. EAMES, of R. L.: To amend chapter 7, of the Statutes at Large, approved July 24, 1864, of the Revised Statutes, Ways and Means.

By Mr. McDUGGALL, of N. Y.: Resolutions of the Legislature of New York in relation to the information of leases between the Indians and white settlers on the Allegany Indian reservation in that State, Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KELLEY, of Pa.: A bill to increase the public revenues, and decrease the interest on the public debt.

By Mr. ALBRIGHT, of Pa.: Resolutions of the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

investigation of the Ohio river. Commerce.  
By Mr. TODD, of Pa.: To amend section 1,461 of the Revised Statutes, Judiciary.  
By Mr. MOUNTAIN, of Pa.: To facilitate the payment certain officers of the  
PENN'SYLVANIA RESERVE CORPS.  
Military Affairs.  
By Mr. MYERS, of Pa.: Joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a granger for the steamers service at the port of Philadelphia.  
Days and Nights.  
By Mr. SEWELL, of Va.: Making an appropriation for a breakwater at Smith's Point, on the stomach river, Commerce.

mouth of the Great Wisconsin river. Same  
 Mr. SHEATS, of Ala.: To apportion the  
 presentation in Congress from the State of Ala-  
 bama. Judiciary.  
 By Mr. SLOSS, of Ala.: For the better organ-  
 ization of the Patent Office. Patents.  
 By Mr. M. of Ala.: To give the title of cer-  
 tain officers in the navy. Naval Affairs.  
 By Mr. SHELTON, of La.: To enable the  
 American Bridge Company to apply for the ex-  
 tension of a patent. Patents.  
 By Mr. GUNCKEL, of Ohio: To establish a  
 branch of the United States mint at Dayton,  
 Ohio. Coinage, Weights and Measures.

By Mr. CROSSLAND, of Ky.: Bill to provide for the collection of

**TAXES ON INCOMES**

excess of \$2,000. Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAYNARD, of Tenn.: Bill to further regulate national banks, and for other purposes, banking and Currency.

By Mr. WILSON, of Ind.: To amend the act relative to the distribution of the Geneva award, judiciary.

By Mr. HOLMES: Resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana in favor of granting a pension of \$100 per month to all who served sixty days in the Mexican

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

defray a portion of the expense of the government of said District. District of Columbia.

By Mr. CLARK, of Mo.: Bill appropriating \$50,000 for the improvement of the Missouri river. Commerce.

Also, resolution of the Legislature of the State of Missouri, in relation to affairs in Louisiana. Judiciary.

By Mr. STANARD, of Mo.: Bill for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river. Commerce.

By Mr. WELLS, of Mo.: Bill in relation to the redemption of mortgages. Judiciary.

By Mr. FIELDS, of Mich.: Bill to establish a

THE CUSTOMS REVENUE  
 The tax on foreign importations, &c.  
 1 ans.  
 A series of resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan urging internal improvements in that State. Commerce.  
 By Mr. HUBBELL, of Mich.: To amend the law imposing a tax on other than national banks. Commerce.  
 By Mr. BRADLEY, of Mich.: Bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the mouth of Thunder Bay river, in Michigan. Commerce.  
 By Mr. J. C. FAY, of Iowa: Bill to authorize construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river, at Dubuque. Commerce.

By Mr. SAWYER, of Wis.: Bill to amend the  
 Shipping commissioner act. Commerce.  
 Also, a bill for the improvement of the harbor  
 Racine, Wis. Commerce.  
 By Mr. WILLIAMS, of Wis.: Bill for the im-  
 provement of the harbor of Kenosha, Wis. Com-  
 merce.  
 By Mr. BOUGHTON, of Cal.: Bill during the  
 term of the United States  
 Circuit Court for the District of California, Oregon  
 and Nevada. Judiciary.  
 Also, a bill to promote telegraphic communi-  
 cation.

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA.

By Mr. LOWE, of Kansas: Joint resolution of  
the Legislature of Kansas, protesting against the  
extension of patents by Congress. Patents.  
By Mr. HEREFORD, of W. Va.: Joint resolu-  
tion of the Legislature of West Virginia, against  
Federal interference in Louisiana. Judiciary.  
By Mr. CHOUNSE, of Neb.: Bill to establish  
a ranch near Omaha, Neb. Coinage, Weights and  
Measures.  
By Mr. CHIPMAN:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILLS,  
as follows:  
For a new school-house for colored schools in  
a District of Columbia.

pay to the District of Columbia the amount of the proceeds.

To provide for the payment of certain liabilities the District of Columbia and the late Board of Public Works. All of which were referred to the committee on the District of Columbia.

To provide for the relief of Wm. Bowen and A. Gunning. Claims.

To place Colonel and Brevet Major General Fm. H. Emery on the retired list. Military Claims.

Also, a bill to amend the forty-first section of the act creating a government for the District of Columbia. Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPENTER, of S. C.: Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the

Also, a joint resolution constraining the act placing colored soldiers on the same footing as white soldiers, in relation to bounty and pensions. Military Affairs.

By Mr. J. H. AMISON, of Ohio: Bill in relation to the widows and children of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolution. Revolutionary Pensions and the War of 1812.

By Mr. C. C. COLEMAN, of Ohio: Concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of New York in relation to the Indians. Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McDOUGALL, of N. Y.: Bill to repeal the act supplementary to the act to authorize the State of New York to purchase the lands of the State of New York. Indian Affairs.

and a joint memorial in relation to this route.  
 Mr. WARD (General Daniel E. Stukely, of Mil-  
 itary Affairs.  
 The House then proceeded to the consideration  
 the bill offered on Monday last by Mr. WARD,  
 III,  
 GIVING BOUNTIES TO THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS  
 deceased soldiers who enlisted during the late  
 war for less than three years, and was read  
 Mr. DUNNELL, of Minn., moved to suspend  
 a rule and pass a bill to carry into effect  
 the provisions of the act of January 10, 1874, to ex-  
 tend the time for the completion of the St. Peter  
 and Mankato railroad. (The House refused to  
 suspend the demand for the previous question.)

**THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEES.**—The State of Mississippi has agreed to make an appropriation to close the levees and take in the water. The State will also claim the alluvial basin of the Mississippi to protect the lands from overflow and inundation. The motion was rejected.

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEVEES.**—A bill to reimburse J. W. Douglass, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for money of which he was robbed while collector of the Nineteenth district of Pennsylvania, amounting to \$46,000. Passed.

**THE BOSTON MONUMENT.**—A bill to grant the sum of \$100,000 to the Boston Monument Society for monumental purposes. Passed.

Against the traditions of the Republic, and the violation of the example of the States, now said as well as itself, and would be hazardous alike the liberties of the people and the free institutions of the country. The House refused to concur and the demand for the previous question—  
—as 67, MAY 1921  
On motion of Mr. GUNCKEL, of Ohio, an order was made fixing Saturday next, at 1 o'clock, for the consideration of the bill to equalize bonds.  
—Mr. DAVES, of Mass., moved to suspend the rules so as to make it in order that pending the consideration of an appropriation bill an amendment—

THEIR ELECTION OF THE SAME DAY.

This would necessitate the changing of a great number of State constitutions. He proposed to have the matter as at present.) The rules were amended, and the order made permanent.

Mr. LOWMEDE, of Md., presented the petition Hampton McDougle and other citizens of Garrett county, Md., for equalization of counties.

**Military Affairs.**

Mr. DAVIS offered a preamble and resolution, reciting that

WILLIAM S. KING, of MINNESOTA,  
and JAMES H. HARRIS, of NEWBRUNSWICK, D. C.

members of the House, had fled to the Dominion of Canada; that on the 3d day of February said witness was advised that said fugitive had taken up his abode in the province of Quebec; that said witness has not given a sufficient excuse for failing to answer the summons, and has failed to appear; and wherefore the Sergeant at Arms of the House is directed to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus wherever he may be found in the United States on the charge of contempt of the authority of the House.

Mr. A. J. DAVIS said he reported this by order of the Committee of Ways and Means. It is the House's business to issue the warrant, and the committee will not be charged with neglect. The House has had full knowledge of the fact that